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ON JUNE 11, MFA SECRETARY GENERAL PIERRE WURTH BRIEFED DCM ON JUNE 6 BILATERAL TALKS BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER THORN AND PREMIER KOSYGIN IN MOSCOW DURING GRAND DUKE'S STATE VISIT. READING FROM HIS NOTES TAKEN DURING THE MEETING, WURTH SAID CONVERSATION COVERED THE FOLLOWING:

1. CSCE. KOSYGIN MADE PLEA FOR QUICK RESOLUTION OF OUTSTANDING CSCE ISSUES AND RAPID WESTERN RESPONSE TO LATEST SOVIET PROPOSALS, BUT HE DID NOT PRESS AS HARD AS THORN HAD EXPECTED FOR EARLY CSCE SUMMIT. MENTION OF CSCE IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE (REPORTED SEPTEL) LEAVES GOL LESS COMMITTED TO SUMMIT THAN FRENCH HAVE BEEN PUBLICLY SINCE LAST BREZHNEV-GISCARD MEETING IN PARIS.

2. MIDDLE EAST. KOSYGIN SAID THAT USSR SUPPORTED
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POSITION UPHELD BY "MAJORITY BUT NOT ALL THE ARAB

STATES" ON HOW TO ACHIEVE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE-EAST
ALTHOUGH SOVIETS WERE AGAINST THE ARABS' "GOING TO WAR
TO ACHIEVE THEIR AIMS". ALTHOUGH HE EXPRESSED SUPPORT
FOR A RESUMPTION OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, KOSYGIN REFUSED
TO SAY, DESPITE DIRECT QUESTIONING BY THORN, WHETHER THE
SOVIETS WERE AGAINST A RESUMPTION OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S
STEP-BY-STEP DIPLOMACY IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

3. EAST-WEST TRADE. KOSYGIN SAID THAT THE USSR PREFERRED
BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENTS WITH THE WESTERN COUNTRIES,
AND HE HOPED THAT THE EC WOULD NOT OPPOSE SUCH ACCORDS.
HE EXPLAINED THAT THE SOVIETS ARE "NOT REJOICING AT THE
CURRENT ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES IN THE WEST" BECAUSE A
DROP IN EAST-WEST TRADE COULD RESULT. THORN REPLIED THAT
HE ACCEPTED THE NEED FOR BILATERAL TRADE BUT IN LUXEM-
BOURG'S CASE, PRIVATE COMPANIES (MOSTLY IN THE STEEL
INDUSTRY) WILL HAVE TO NEGOTIATE SUCH ACCORDS INDEPENDENTLY
OF THE GOL AS PURELY COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS. KOSYGIN
EXPRESSED SOME INTEREST IN ACQUIRING ADDITIONAL LUXEM-
BOURG-MADE STEEL PRODUCTS FOR USE IN THE MANUFACTURE OF
NATURAL GAS PIPELINE AS WELL AS LIGHT INDUSTRY TECHNIQUES
AND UNSPECIFIED CONSUMER GOODS, BUT THESE PROPOSALS WERE
NOT PURSUED. WURTH POINTED OUT THAT ONLY 100,000 TONS
OF THE 400,000 TON STEEL ORDER WITH ARBED (REPORTED
REFTEL) PLACED BY THE SOVIETS WILL ACTUALLY BE PRODUCED
IN LUXEMBOURG WHICH LIMITS THE DOMESTIC ECONOMIC IMPACT
OF THE ACCORD.

4. US-USSR RELATIONS. KOSYGIN INSISTED THAT DETENTE WITH
THE US REMAINED A CENTERPIECE OF SOVIET DIPLOMACY, AND
THAT THE USSR WOULD CARRY OUT ALL THE AGREEMENTS SIGNED
BETWEEN PRESIDENT FORD AND GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV IN
GOOD FAITH. HE ADDED THAT THE SOVIETS "WERE NOT HAPPY AT
THE WAY THE US HAD TO LEAVE VIET-NAM". WHEN THORN
USED PORTUGAL AS AN EXAMPLE OF US TOLERANCE OF CHANGE
IN NATO COUNTRIES, KOSYGIN REFUSED TO BE DRAWN OUT AND
LIMITED HIS COMMENT TO A STATEMENT THAT "THE OVERTHROW
OF FASCISM IN PORTUGAL SHOULD NOT SADDEN ANYONE."
KOSYGIN DID CRITICIZE WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS "A BELLICOSE
STATEMENT MADE RECENTLY BY DEFENSE SECRETARY SCHLESINGER",
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BUT, WHEN PRESSED BY THORN ON THIS POINT, KOSYGIN DREW
BACK MUTTERING THAT SOME "STATEMENTS BY US OFFICIALS
HURT DETENTE AND WERE CONTRARY TO THE WISHES OF THE
PEACE-LOVING SOVIET PEOPLE".

5. WURTH, WHO HAD BEEN AMBASSADOR TO THE USSR FOR TWO AND
ONE HALF YEARS UNTIL 1971, SAID THAT THE SOVIETS WERE RELAXED
AND IN GOOD SPIRITS THROUGHOUT THE VISIT. IN THE PRESENTA-

TIONS OR DURING NEGOTIATIONS ON THE COMMUNIQUE AND
SCHEDULE, THE SOVIETS WERE ACCOMMODATING AND USUALLY
GAVE IN GRACEFULLY WHENEVER THE LUXEMBOURGERS DISAGREED.
WURTH ADDED THAT LUXEMBOURG AMBASSADOR HEISBOURG MIGHT
BE APPROACHING AMBASSADOR STOESSEL IN MOSCOW TO CONVEY
ADDITIONAL IMPRESSIONS OF THE GRAND DUKE'S STATE VISIT.
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